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lands, too, cancer has considerably increased. In the year 1874 there died among each 100,000 inhabitants 49 from this disease; in the year 1897, 91—that is to say, more than 80 per cent more. In Switzerland the increase of cancerous disease has been terrible and continues to advance; among each 100,000 of the population there died from cancer in the year 1889, 114.4, and in the year 1898 as many as 132.4.

In the United States similar conditions exist. In the State of New York, for example, the cases of cancer increased from 2,473 in the year 1888 to 4,117 in the year 1897. In Massachusetts there died of cancer in the year 1856, per 100,000 inhabitants, males, 12.9; females, 24.5; in the year 1895, however, 44 and 94.4.

FRANK H. MASON,  
*United States Consul-General.*

#### HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

##### *Report of quarantine on outgoing vessels.*

HONOLULU, H. I., April 6, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to report the outgoing quarantine transactions at this station for the week ended April 5, 1902, as follows: Number of steamers inspected and passed, 2; number of sailing vessels inspected and passed, 4; number of cabin passengers inspected and passed, 12; number of steerage passengers inspected and passed, none; number of crew inspected and passed, 93; number of pieces of baggage disinfected, 43; number of sailing vessels disinfected, 2.

Respectfully,

L. E. COFER,  
*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,  
Chief Quarantine Officer, Hawaii.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

##### *Monthly report of quarantine transactions in the Hawaiian Islands.*

HONOLULU, H. I., April 8, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit the following report of quarantine transactions in the Hawaiian Islands for the month of March, 1902:

#### PORT OF HONOLULU.

Number of vessels inspected—	
From foreign ports.....	15
From domestic ports.....	33
Number of crew inspected.....	3,136
Number of passengers inspected—	
Cabin.....	1,147
Steerage and stowaways.....	4,885
Number of sick in detention from last month.....	0
Number in detention from last month.....	0
Number of sick in detention for this month.....	0
Number in detention for this month.....	1,674
Number of pieces of baggage disinfected.....	1,600
Number of packages of freight disinfected.....	1
Number of vaccinations.....	135

#### PORT OF HILO.

Number of vessels inspected.....	6
Number of crew inspected.....	81
Number of passengers inspected.....	91
Vessels remanded.....	0